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Whatever Happened to Anita Bryant?

Madame Anita Bryant, homophobe extraordinaire, is back in the news after a far-too-short four-year absence.

Madame Bryant is now pushing a weird style of expensive sunglasses. The glasses bear gold religious symbols on the earpiece near the temple. Madame Bryant, who is now divorced, sanctimoniously announced that she decided to end her withdrawal from public life to become involved in the marketing of the glasses, saying: "If it wasn't an expression of faith, I wouldn't do it."

US Representative Admits Being Gay

Representative Gerry Studds (D-MA) recently became the first Member of Congress to openly declare that he is gay. In a statement in response to charges by an ethics committee that he had sex with a House page--an act that he did not deny and for which he was formally censured by the House of Representatives--Studds stated, "All Members of Congress must cope with the challenge of initiating and maintaining a career and emotionally fulfilling private life. It is not a simple task for any of us to meet adequately the obligations of either public or private life, let alone both. But these challenges are made substantially more complex when one is, as am I, both an elected public official and gay."

Studds' relationship occurred in 1973 and involved a 17-year-old male page in the House of Representatives. (Seventeen is over the age of consent, so there was no question of sex with a minor.) In his statement, Studds stressed that the relationship was "mutual and voluntary; without coercion; without any preferential treatment, express or implied; without harassment of any kind;" private and that it occurred ten years ago. He also stated that the relationship "without question reflected a very serious error in judgement...."

While a number of male Members of Congress have admitted having sex with other males under a variety of circumstances, their admissions have been accompanied by explanations of alcoholism or other drug use and none has gone farther than to 'admit' to 'homosexual tendencies.' What makes Studds' declaration fundamentally important is that he not only did not try to explain his behavior as influenced by drugs, he made an open and unambiguous statement on the floor of the House that he is gay.

Steve Endean, Executive Director of the Gay Rights National Lobby, praised Studds for his courage and honesty in making his statement on the floor of the House, commenting that "Representative Studds has my deep admiration and respect and I have communicated to him my full support." Endean went on to say, "For the first time in history, a current Member of the Congress of the United States has declared on the floor of the House that he's gay. And he did say 'gay,' not 'homosexual.' We have taken a monumental step forward."

Bills to Repeal Gay Exclusion Introduced

Recent weeks have seen a flurry of developments revolving around the longstanding drive to end the policy of excluding foreign lesbians and gay men from entering the country.

Bills have been introduced in both houses of Congress to repeal the provision of the 1952 Immigration and Nationality Act which is the foundation for anti-gay exclusion. The Senate bill, S. 1086, was introduced by Democratic presidential hopeful Alan Cranston; the House bill, H.R. 2815, was introduced by Representative Julian Dixon (D-CA), Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus. Both Cranston and Dixon have a long record of leadership on this issue. Gay Rights National Lobby is placing increased emphasis on securing co-sponsors for these bills; so far, about 40 House members have co-sponsored the Dixon bill, up from 29 during the previous session.

The Chair of the House Immigration Subcommittee has publicly pledged extensive public hearings on overhauling the entire network of exclusions embedded in the 1952 Immigration Act. Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA) raised the question of exclusion categories in early May during the House Judiciary Committee consideration of the pending Simpson/Mazzoli Immigration Reform and Control Act. Immigration Subcommittee Chairman Romano Mazzoli (D-KY) conceded that the current system of exclusion is arbitrary and promised to conduct extensive hearings on possible reforms after Congress completes action on the pending bill, which does not address exclusion cases.

Playboy Sex Survey

A survey of sex in America conducted by PLAYBOY MAGAZINE reveals little difference between gay and non-gay men. For example, 62 percent of both groups indicated a satisfaction with their sexual life. In addition, both groups listed their priorities almost identically as love, friends, money, family, sex, work, and leisure.

The magazine also explored gay sex practices. Love, oral sex (popularly known as sucking cock), and open relationships are tops. Most gay men thought they were good in bed, and a large number indicated they masturbate regularly.

Based on the study, PLAYBOY concluded that gay men operate in sexual overdrive. However, gay men value sexual exclusiveness less than the general population. The magazine concluded that their sexual style does not mean they are incapable of love or commitment.



Lesbian Publication Available

The Lesbian Rights Project (LRP) has prepared a newly revised, second edition of LESBIAN MOTHERS AND THEIR CHILDREN: AN ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY OF LEGAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL MATERIALS by Donna J. Hitchens and Ann G. Thomas. The bibliography includes annotations from court opinions concerning lesbian mother custody cases, law review articles, and psychological research on lesbians, lesbian relationships, mothering among lesbians, and the mental health of children raised by lesbians. This 67-page booklet is a comprehensive information resource for anyone who is interested in lesbian-mother or gay-father custody issues.

The LRP is the only public interest law firm in the country exclusively devoted to helping lesbians with their legal problems. The LRP provides day-to-day counseling and legal representation to lesbians and helps to educate the legal and mental health communities about the special concerns of lesbian clients.

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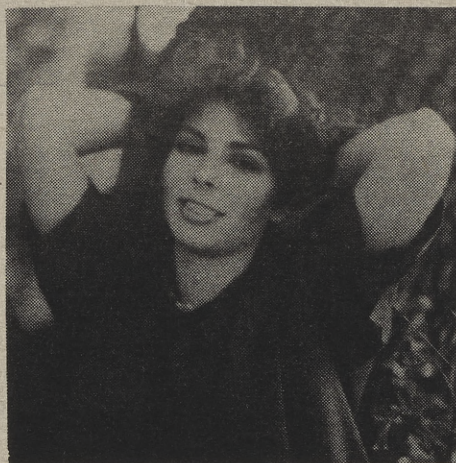
Gay Adoptive Dad

Doing OK

Recently David Frater, a 30-year-old man living in Riverside, California, became the adoptive father of Kevin Frater, 18. When Superior Court Judge George Grover authorized the adoption, it was believed to be the first time that an admitted gay man has become an adoptive father.

In a recent interview, Mr. Frater indicated that he was particularly pleased by support from his coworkers and community. To his surprise, most people recognize that his sexual preference does not interfere with his ability to be a parent. Kevin, a heterosexual who graduated from high school in June, echoes the positive aspects of his adoption and indicates that his teachers and friends are supportive. Before living with Mr. Frater, Kevin had stayed in 15 foster homes and had been beaten in some of them.

Our Cover Girl



Marisa Darnell is a Northern California model who lives with her husband and 2 1/2 year old son. Her interests include horseback riding, ballet, and working as a volunteer with her local hospital guild chapter.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Okay, I've read the story: "West Coast publisher attacks head of Gay Rights National Lobby." My response: Oh dear, David Goodstein isn't getting his way so he's trying to take his ball and go home.

I've known Steve Endean since he came to Washington to take over the helm of an organization that was too bankrupt to pay his salary; had no office of its own; had no political direction; and most importantly, had no visibility on the Hill. During those pre-Endean times, GRNL did have plenty of advice from David Goodstein.

While I haven't always agreed with Steve, I have never doubted that he is doing a splendid job. A brief glimpse at his record speaks for itself. GRNL now has offices on both coasts and in the Midwest; the Gay Civil Rights bill has a record number of co-sponsors; GRNL has directed congressional hearings on the Gay Civil Rights Bill; GRNL (and Steve) spawned the first national gay-oriented PAC; GRNL has built a major constituent network designed to bring hometown lobbying to most members of Congress; GRNL sponsored the Convention Project that resulted in such dramatic success at the Democratic presidential nominating convention and a lesser effect at the Republican nominating convention. Throughout it all, Steve has worked tirelessly with a clear political vision of where he and his organization were headed.

My initial involvement with GRNL was to help Steve bring sense to the financial records he inherited. Maybe I'm breaking confidence, but even back then, Steve had to contend with Goodstein who offered money, support, and advice only with strings and conditions.

Sorry, Mr. Goodstein, Steve Endean is doing an excellent job and you can't play; maybe because you don't play fair.

Sincerely,
Larry Kamins

Editor:

The Gay Events Tape, a recorded community information service in San Francisco, is still alive and well at (415) 861-1100.

We still promote non-profit events free of charge, provided they are open without discrimination. The Gay Events Tape is updated weekly, and reaches people who normally don't have access to the Gay/Lesbian press. All non-profit organizations are welcome to send in announcements of events (no business meetings please!), information listings, and other topical information.

There's a new mailing address: The Gay Events Tape, 2269 Market Street, Box A, San Francisco, CA 94114.

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David Kaye
Spokesperson

Dear Editor:

Your coverage of activities in New Mexico is excellent. It is very encouraging to us to be recognized by such a fine publication as the PATLAR GAZETTE. Too often the gay press acts as though nothing was going on outside of the coastal cities. Your newspaper is to be commended for its fine coverage of events and activities throughout the nation.

Sincerely yours,

Russell D. Gray Jr.
Editor, COMMON BOND INK
Albuquerque, New Mexico

More Letters on pg. 4.

Horoscopes

By Dr. Pat Larr

Leo (Jul 23-Aug 22)--Things heat up for your solar return (birthday) as the Sun enters your very own Mercury. Your body has thermometers popping all over town. They don't call Leo a man-eater for nothing.

Virgo (Aug 23-Sep 22)--It's torrid-tango time as the planets indulge your sign in some fancy Flashdance footwork during the coming weeks. At last you find a fox who's hot to trot.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct 22)--Your mystical side shows itself. You feel a strange oneness with mysterious strangers across crowded rooms. Your Karma attracts a kindred spirit who opens the door on a garden of earthly delights.

Scorpio (Oct 23-Nov 22)--Everyone knows Scorpios have big stingers, but try not to strike out at every little offense. The venom in your words could hurt you more than it could hurt your intended victim.

Sagittarius (Nov 23-Dec 21)--They like to say you're as cold as ice, but you're soon to meet a mysterious someone who'll melt that ice cube you call a heart and leave you sitting in a puddle. You always did like water sports!

Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 20)--A new moon hot on the heels of a major cosmic shakeup means it's time to re-arrange your furniture. We're talking interior re-decoration here. Unload those old ideas and/or lovers and you may be in for a load of fun.

Aquarius (Jan 21-Feb 18)--You're hypersensitive right now. The slightest word may rub you the wrong way, but the slightest touch may rub you the right way. Be wary of Aries until the end of the month.

Pisces (Feb 19-Mar 20)--Your ability to see through pretense is given a workout in the next few weeks. Everyone you meet (meat?) seems to be showing attitude, but your natural good judgement allows you to separate the friends from the phoney.

Aries (Mar 21-Apr 19)--Whenever there's an orgy, you can be sure Aries is sitting there fully dressed with a lampshade on his/her head. Try to loosen up a bit and reveal the real you. Try to think of your blemishes as beauty marks.

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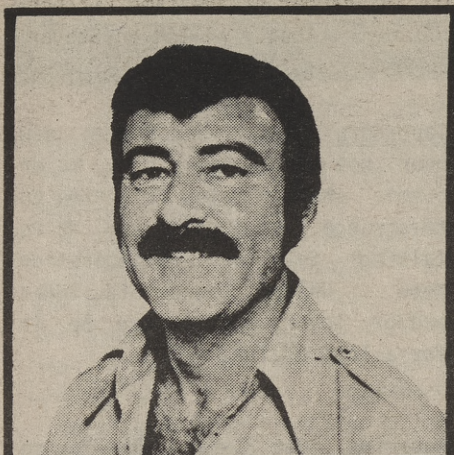


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Now a few dedicated local businessmen are trying for the same thing here!

Gay activity at Clear Lake is centered on the east shore in Glenhaven and Clear Lake Oaks, which are next-door neighbors. The Cabaret, at 9435 E. Highway 20 in Glenhaven, is the most popular Club and represents what Clear Lake is all about. There are two bars, dancing, and on some weekends you can bring your own steaks for cookouts. Congenial owners, Scotty and Chuck, go out of their way to make this one of the friendliest resort bars anywhere. Occasionally, if the mood warrants, Scotty can be coaxed into playing his large organ...a musical instrument on the right as you enter.

The Bungalow, about a mile south in Clear Lake Oaks, serves a pretty good prime rib, offers a live country and western dance band on Thursdays through Sunday and hopes to shuttle gay customers to their downstairs bar. Currently it attracts a mixture of gay women and men, plus quite a few straights, and they have a lot of attitude about being known as a gay bar. Further south is a small beer and wine bar at Sunset Point, which was not yet open when I was here, but should be by now. Various cruisy areas are listed in the '84 Address Book.

My favorite gay resort is the Starlight Motel, where handsome

co-owner Randy will help make your stay a pleasant one. It is at 9495 E. Highway 20, just south of the Cabaret. Sunset Point Resort at 12037 E. Highway 20, at the south end of Clear Lake Oaks, offers a more rustic setting, with bunk house, cottages, and trailer space. Reserve ahead at both places, especially on summer weekends. The Glenhaven, behind the Cabaret, and Johnson's also welcome gay visitors; and if the cabins aren't plush, neither are the prices! Most places have their own boat launching docks. The best bets for dining are Anthony's, Rainbow Lodge and Robin Hill. All serve Continental-Italian cuisine and are located near Lakeport on the northwest shore. Souverain is some distance away, but well worth the drive. Their dining room is part of the famous winery about four miles north of Geyserville. The Clear Lake lodge and Konacti Harbor Inn Restaurants are pleasant, but the food is adequate at best.

Besides the tranquil beauty of the lake itself, you can find much of interest to see and do including sailing, swimming, sunbathing, hiking, golf, tennis, fishing, hunting, and water sports of all kinds!! You may want to visit Clear Lake or Anderson Marsh State Parks, the gem-like Blue Lakes, Mendocino National Forest, take a 22-mile stagecoach ride reliving the Old

West, or get it on at the Lake County Rodeo in July. Within easy driving distance are the geysers and the Napa Valley where you can tour and taste in some of the greatest wine cellars in America. Nearby Willits is the eastern terminus for the Skunk, a diesel railroad that schedules daily trips to and from Fort Bragg, along the breath-taking Mendocino coast. Contact the California Western R.R. for fares and schedules.

Clear Lake is about a three-hour drive north of the Golden Gate Bridge. The best way to get there is to take U.S. 101 to just north of Ukiah, then east on Cal. 20. This is nearly 165 miles, but will save a lot of time over the steep, winding, narrow, heavily traveled other routes. The ambiance of "The Lake" is less sophisticated, and much more laid-back than that at "The River." As one local wit said, "Why drive this far to find another Castro Street?" Many gay couples are buying property here while it is still inexpensive, and I'll bet that within a short time, Clear Lake will emerge as a major gay resort and will give even wonderful Russian River a good run for its money!

For more detailed information, pick up a copy of the BOB DAMRON ADDRESS BOOK '84--America's foremost travel guide--available at most better bars, baths, and bookstores throughout America. Or send \$12 to BOB DAMRON ENTERPRISES, INC., PO Box 14-077, San Francisco, CA 94114.

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Taurus (Apr 20-May 20)--You are about to enter a very fertile period. With creativity at an all-time high, how does your garden grow? With sugar and spice, but especially the spice.

Gemini (May 21-Jun 20)--Since you never seem to know your own mind from one moment to the next, practice saying what you mean for a change. There's no use in working someone up into a lather if you'd really rather he or she would go home and take a cold shower.

Cancer (Jun 21-Jul 22)--Less has always been less as far as you've been concerned, but you're about to learn what they mean when they say big things come (cum?) in small packages. Oh, what a feeling!

More Letters

Dear Patlar Gazette:

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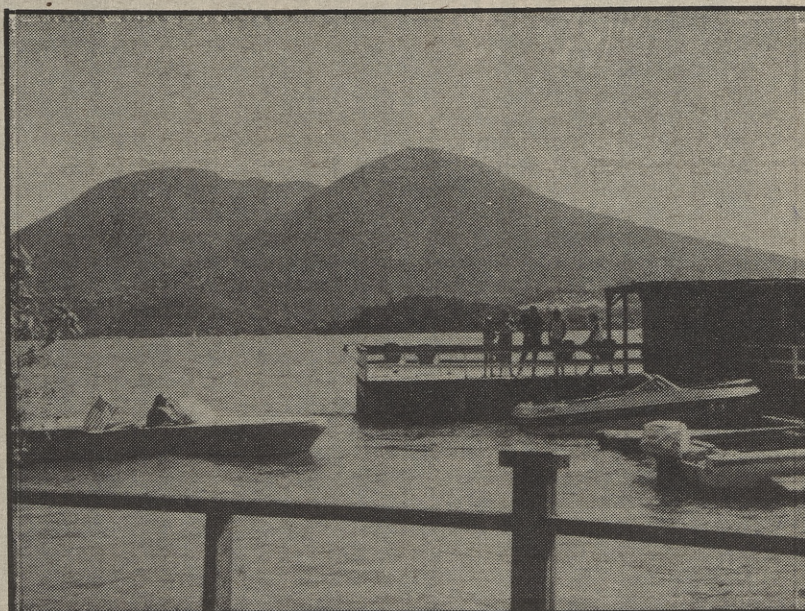
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FEATURES

The PATLAR GAZETTE regularly features three advice columnists, Ms. Hedda Khabajh, Mr. Edwards Endicott Kett, and Miss Euphemia Euris. Ms. Khabajh (who pronounces her last name "cabbage," just like the vegetable), specializes in culinary science and claims that there is no such thing as a kitchen problem beyond her grasp. Professor Kett specializes in matters of etiquette and propriety as they pertain to the complexities and vicissitudes of the gay community. Madame Euris is a generalist who will advise about almost all problems except those concerning etiquette and/or culinary science.

Readers of the PATLAR GAZETTE are invited to submit their problems to our advice columnists. In addition to "problems," Ms. Khabajh would be pleased to receive "favorite" recipes for kitchen testing and possible publication. Please send your letters to this paper, addressed to the proper columnist.

Cooking with Hedda

By Ms. Hedda Khabajh, M.A.

In keeping with the current warm weather, it seems to be a good idea to tell you about a couple of cold soups that can be used with a full-scale dinner or even with a fairly light lunch or brunch.

The first is Emerald Mist. I suppose the title comes from the cool mists of the Emerald Isle. At any rate, it is wonderful on a hot, dry, sultry day. The following recipe serves eight:

- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 1/2 tsps salt (optional)
- 1/2 green pepper, cut in squares
- 2 crisp cucumbers, sliced in large cubes
- 1/4 cup packed, fresh parsley
- 6 green onions with tops, cut in 1-inch pieces

Put all of the above ingredients in a blender and blend until the vegetables are chopped fine. Turn into a 1-1/2 quart container. Add:

- 3 cups buttermilk
- 1 tsp worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 tsp celery seeds
- black pepper to taste
- 1/4 tsp dill weed

Stir and chill until very cold. Serve in chilled bowls with a chilled spoon. And grate coarse, black pepper on top.

Another wonderful, if somewhat more subtle summer soup, is Cream of Curry. For four servings, you will need:

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 large sweet onion, sliced

Cook these two ingredients together rather gently for 10 minutes or until the onion is translucent, but not yellow. Cool and place in a blender. Add:

- 2 1/2 cups stock (beef, veal, or chicken)
- 2 tsps curry powder (or to taste; I use 4!)
- 1/4 tsp ginger
- 1/4 tsp nutmeg
- 2 tbs flour
- 1 egg

Blend all of these ingredients until smooth. Put in a sauce pan and cook gently until thick and smooth. Remove from heat and allow to cool slightly. Add:

- 1 cup heavy cream
- 2 tbs sherry

Chill, but do not let freeze. Serve.

These are both wonderful, rich, and cooling; and unlike last week's Gazpacho, they do not interfere with or replace the salad.

Book Review

DEATH TRICK, by Richard Stevenson. Alyson Publications, Boston. Paper, \$5.95. 190 pp.

Reviewed by Jay Harrison

The private-eye hero of this graceful, witty book is Don Strachey, forty years old, virile, still able to dance all night (as he seems ever to do) and top it

off with a resounding romp in bed with - usually - his lover, Timmy, thirty-seven. His professional services have been engaged by a wealthy Albany couple who wish him to find and bring home their son, Billy Blount, suspected of murder.

In the classical manner of detective novels, Strachey gets no help from the police; in fact, because to them (represented by Sergeant Bowman, drawn by Stevenson with a steel-point pen) he is just another faggot, he must work not only against the gross insensitivity of Billy's parents but an equal amount of insensitivity from the cops. To say nothing of the possible suspects who have, in some cases, much to lose and in others much to gain.

The stupidity and blindness of parents and police, their ignorance and homophobia abetted by prep schools and "rehabilitation facilities," is the boil which Stevenson effectively lances here. That is to say, finally, what causes the crime and complicates the solving of it is a medieval outlook by the very people who should know better, perpetrated upon young gays (and one token lesbian) when they were at the age of innocence, experimentation, uncertainty. Billy Blount's parents, it turns out, sent him to a sort of Edgar Allan Poe version of a private mental facility to straighten him out, an act as cruel and cold-blooded as the murder of which Billy is accused.

Despite this being a murder story, despite the glowering fact that several other people's lives

are in danger of the same kitchen cutlery that killed Steven Kleckner, age twenty-four, a disc jock we'd all have liked to know, Stevenson's literacy, wit, good nature, and evident interest in the vicissitudes of gay love and sex give the book a swiftness and lilt that is missing in so many other dark and dreary homosexual crime novels. There is sex here, to be sure, and it is the motivating force, but it lies under protective artistic plexiglass. Innuendo, as Stevenson knows, banter, the half-explicit gesture, humor, make sex--in books, at least--hotter than pornography.

The growing love affair between Strachey and Timmy is handled with perfect balance. Although they are not perfect. Each is capable of being "discreet" and of tempering his libidinous urgings with candid humor and, when necessary, the real thing. In one fine scene, Strachey makes it with a cross-dressed acquaintance who of course prefers to think of the detective as straight, in order to gain some information; but the episode turns into an illuminating and touching little glimpse into the complex personalities of both parties.

Dancing and disco music form a counterpoint to the main strands of the story, and a couple of bars, the locations of the assignments. This is not, however, obsessively dance-oriented, as for example, Andrew Holleran's excellent DANCER FROM THE DANCE, nor are the characters

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More Book Review

as wiped out on smoke and pills as we often expect of gay night-life characters. Stevenson tries to keep his private eye alert.

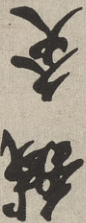
It will come as no surprise that Strachey wins in the long run, and the fan of detective novels will be pleased to see how he works through his clues. *DEATH TRICK* should please any reader, however, with its humane and gentle and literate view of gay life, a life peopled with a variety of specimens, young, not-so-young (Strachey is discovering gray hairs here and there), white, black, chicano, all treated with sympathy and warmth--even the murderer--except those who betray, with knowledge and malice, their own.

DEATH TRICK is not deep reading, but it is absorbing, barbed, and original.

International Gay Association

Delegates from Eastern Europe attended a conference of the International Gay Association (IGA) held recently in Vienna. The delegates indicated that treatment of gay persons in some communist countries has improved.

Loose associations of gay people are permitted to exist without police harassment in Hungary, Czechoslovakia, and Yugoslavia. Gay groups exist semi-officially within protestant student organizations in East Germany, while gay women and men face severe punishment in the Soviet Union and Rumania. Other communist countries seem to have come to the realization that gay people exist and are no better or worse than non-gays.



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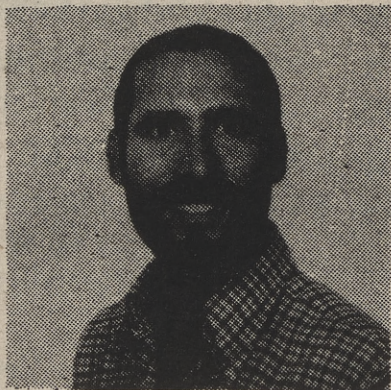
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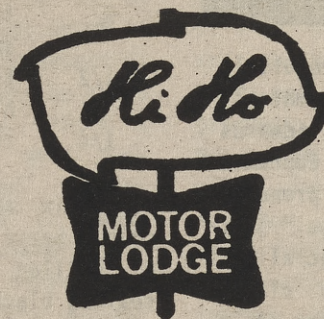
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Houston

A new gay and lesbian group has been formed in the North Houston/Conroe area. It is called the Lambda Society and to obtain information, call Jan at (409) 756-0354 or Ray at (409) 756-4097.

A Families and Friends of Gays group has also started last spring. Call Doris at (713) 353-4792 for info.

Jackson

Jackson, Mississippi has a Metropolitan Community Church study group and worship services on Sunday at 2 PM at 513 North State Street. The Metropolitan Community Church is not just a church for the gay community, but ministers to all people and invites all to attend.

San Francisco

On Saturday, August 20, the weekend of San Francisco's annual Castro Street Fair, two benefit bicycle events will be held in the Sacramento-San Francisco area. These events will raise funds for the Sacramento and San Francisco chapters of the AIDS/Kaposi's Sarcoma Research and Education Foundation. Both bicycle rides will start at 6:00 AM from the Sierra Center at 24th St. and Castro Way in Sacramento.

The Sacramento-only participants will travel from Sierra Center to downtown and then on to the American River Bikeway. The riders will travel eastward to Goethe Park or to a point of their choice and then return to the Sierra Center for a picnic.

The Sacramento-to-San Francisco participants will enjoy a two-day ride which will include the cities of Davis, Napa, Sonoma, Petaluma, Woodacre, Fairfax, Mill Valley, and Sausalito. The ride will finish Sunday morning, August 21 as the riders pass over the Golden Gate Bridge to Golden Gate Park finally arriving at the Castro Street Fair AIDS/KS Foundation Booth.

Sponsorships for the bicyclists on both of these rides are available on a cents-per-mile basis and will be accumulated by the riders using individual pledge

cards. Sponsors for the riders may choose which AIDS/KS Chapter they wish to support.

For more details about either of the bicycle rides, contact the Sacramento AIDS/KS Foundation at (916) 448-AIDS or the San Francisco AIDS/KS Foundation at (415) 864-4376.

Miami

The 8th International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews will be held in Miami, Florida, August 4-7.

The word "Miami," when translated into Hebrew, becomes "Mi-Ami" and means "Who are my people?" This provides a theme for the conference which asks "Who are my people?" - as Jews, as Gays and Lesbians, and as responsible adults.

For registration information contact, The 8th International Conference Committee, Metropolitan Community Synagogue of Greater Miami, 19094 West Dixie Highway, North Miami Beach, Florida 33180. Registration is limited.

Reno

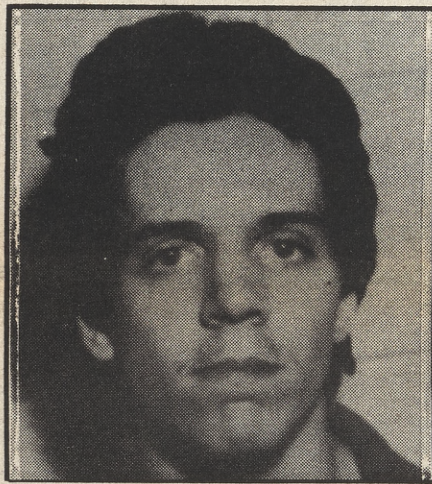
The national gay rodeo in Reno, Nevada is set for August 4-7 and plays host for the first time this year to the country dance festival. This will be a non-competitive event geared to bring together everyone interested in country dance from square dancers, cloggers, round and line dancers to contra dancers. The festival is open to participation by every group, club, organization, or individual. The country dance festival will afford a great opportunity for folks from all over the country to get together and meet one another, talk, exchange ideas, take part in workshops, exhibitions, and dance!

The rodeo is one of the largest events of the year, incorporating rodeo, dances, and a country fair set in the brightest and most colorful playground in the West--RENO! This year the attendance is expected to top 40,000 from all parts of the United States.

Inquiries regarding the country dance festival may be directed to The Country Dance Festival, c/o Stagecoach Western Apparel, 2161 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94104, ATTN: Ron Brewer--Coordinator.

Reading

Scott Alan Hunsberger (aka Barry Davis, Bartholomew Davis, Eric Neal, George Alan Simpson, Barry Monoson, William Mushrush, Eric Hunsberger) is a homosexual and a criminal. His method of operation is to befriend other homosexuals, moving into their apartments or houses. After being with these individuals for one to two weeks, he then steals personal property and leaves the area or state.



Hunsberger has worked as an operator for a telephone answering service and also claims to be an entertainment booking agent. He has claimed that he is able to book 'Wayland Flowers & Madam,' 'Sylvester,' and other top acts. After supplying false contracts, he receives hundreds to thousands of dollars for these acts which he does not legally represent.

Hunsberger is 22, slight, has brown hair and green eyes and wears teeth braces. Anyone having knowledge of his current location should write or call Criminal Investigator Dennis C. Carl, Reading Bureau of Police, 815 Washington St., Reading, PA 19601, (215) 320-6246.

Columbus

The Ohio State Fair, which will take place August 5-21, will include a Gay/Lesbian booth. The Ohio Lesbian/Gay Network (OLGN) will host the 6th annual Gay/Lesbian fair booth.

The fair booth project is very important in reaching thousands of gay and non-gay people each year and is a visible educational effort. Financial help and volunteer time are needed. The budget to run the booth this year is \$1600. Donations from individuals and organizations are needed. Staffers are also needed. The booth will be open

from 10 AM to 10 PM each day of the fair and at least three people are needed in the booth at all times. Books will again be sold this year to help raise money for the booth. For information, call (614) 299-7764.

Ann Arbor

The Eighth National Conference on Men and Masculinity will be held August 11-15, 1983 at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. The conference theme is "Men Cooperating For a Change: New Roles, Responsibilities, and Rewards - New Images and Ideals."

The event is intended to be a conference of men supporting men who are exploring their options as human beings with the women's, gay, and other progressive liberation movements. This will be the First National Conference of the (as yet unnamed) National Men's Organization. The organization was formally announced at the last national conference in Boston in June 1981.

Call (313) 221-8237 or (313) 541-1388 for details.

Kansas City

The Gay Political Caucus (GPC) of Kansas City has reorganized, and meetings are now scheduled on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 PM at The Open Range, 3702 Main Street.

Plans are being formulated to talk with the Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney concerning the recent sentencing of a member of the gay community. Also the GPC is planning meetings with local authorities concerning the problems on the Liberty Memorial Mall.

A very significant meeting took place recently which could embark the Jackson County gay community on a very important historical path. Mr. Al Riederer, Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney, met with representatives of Gay Fathers, Metropolitan Community Church, G.O.A.L., Gay Talk, The Human Rights Caucus, K.C. AIDS Project, and Gay Pride Committee for an open and frank discussion of the relationship between the Prosecutor's Office and the gay community. The delegation felt that Mr. Riederer's attitude was positive.

The major issue in the meeting was the establishment of communication and rapport between his office and the gay community.

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Hattiesburg

A press conference was held in Hattiesburg, Mississippi recently to respond to one held by the Moral Majority. A local home was used for the conference and there was coverage by television, radio, and the daily paper.

The Hattiesburg support group is to be congratulated for all the efforts of its members.

Denver

Dignity/Denver recently celebrated its ninth anniversary. Dignity/Denver is the oldest Dignity Chapter in the Rockies and is only two years younger than the national organization. For information about Dignity/Denver, call (303) 480-1924.

Greeley

Although Northern Colorado Lambda (NCL) is planning a quiet summer, it is going to gear up for the fall with a resumption of major activities starting in late August. For more information about NCL, call (303) 352-5324 in Greeley, CO.

Albuquerque

Albuquerque Mayor Harry Kinney recently went on record as supporting efforts of the lesbian and gay community to secure protection under the law via additional legislation for gay women and men. In a letter to the ad-hoc Lesbian and Gay Coalition, Kinney stated that he fully supports its work. He, however, declined to proclaim Gay and Lesbian Pride Week for fear that a public backlash against him and the lesbian and gay community would do more harm than good. In the Mayor's opinion, "An official proclamation would be detrimental for the [gay-rights] movement."

Albuquerque City Council President, Bob White, recently issued a statement that he was "pleased to go on record as endorsing the first public forum on lesbian- and gay-rights in New Mexico," and that he supported "the purpose of the forum to inform the public of the present legal status of lesbian and gay men nationally and in New Mexico and to educate the public as to the need for lesbian- and gay-rights legislation."

Cheyenne

Tri-State Lambda, a non-profit, social, educational, and support group for gay men and lesbians in southeast Wyoming, western Nebraska, and northern Colorado has had a high level of attendance at its Coffeehouse program even into the summer months. For the first six months of 1983, between 23 and 28 people have attended each meeting. The high attendance was 41 at the parents' pot-luck program. For additional information, write Tri-State Lambda, PO Box 1542, Cheyenne, WY 82001.

Cody and Billings

Gays in the Big Horn Basin of Wyoming will gather in Cody in August to continue attempts to organize a chapter of Yellowstone Lambda Alliance in Billings, Montana. An informal organizational meeting has been set for August 13. Anyone interested in getting such a group together should attend. For more information, write to Frank at PO Box 3135, Cody, WY 82414.

Lincoln

"Gay Men and Lesbians in the 80's, A Regional Conference on Civil Rights" was recently held in Lincoln, Nebraska. It was sponsored by the Lincoln coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights.

The purpose of the conference was to identify ways in which gay men and lesbians who live in the plains can organize their communities more effectively.

Elephant Butte

The First Annual Gay and Lesbian Regional Campout was held recently at Elephant Butte Lake. It was sponsored by Common and Lambda Las Cruces and brought together lesbians and gays from New Mexico, West Texas, Arizona, and Colorado.

Persons who want to watch or play ball this summer are invited to join in the fun and excitement every Sunday from noon until 6 PM. Play will continue through August 1983 at fields 7 and 15 in Bryn Mawr Park. The facility is located at highway 12 and Penn. Ave. in Minneapolis. For more information, write Twin Cities Goodtime Softball League, PO Box 13157, Dinkytown Station, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414

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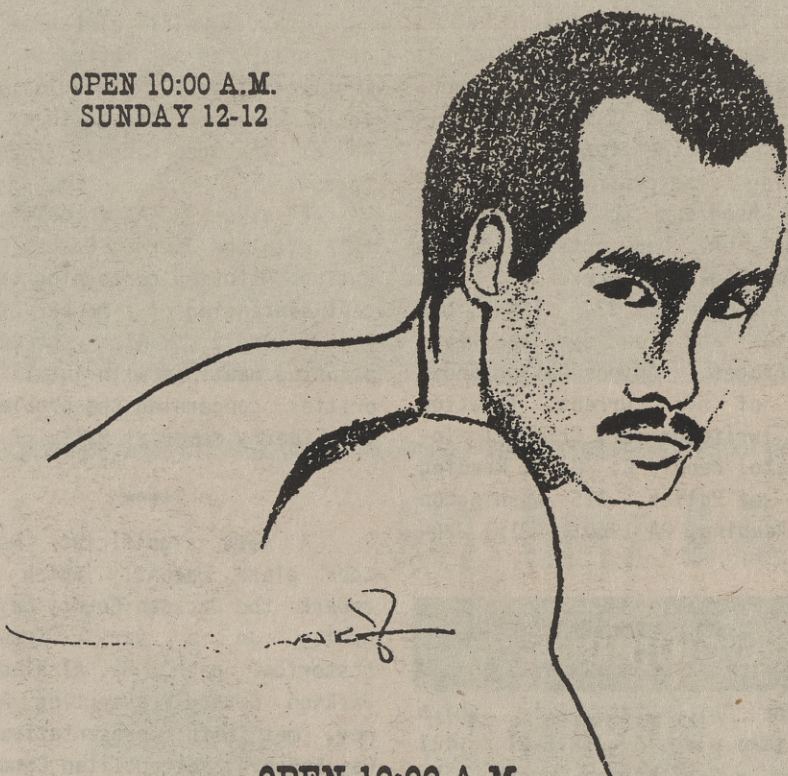
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More Minneapolis

A regional "Positive Gay and Lesbian Identity Conference" will be held on the Minneapolis campus of the University of Minnesota, October 7-8, 1983. It will be co-sponsored by Lesbian and Gay Community Services and University Lesbian/Gay Community.

The conference will provide a supportive atmosphere for lesbian and gay men. Speakers, workshops, and presentations will cover a broad range of experiences--social, physical, emotional, spiritual--as related to gay and lesbian lifestyles.

Although primarily directed to gays and lesbians, the conference will also be of interest to family members, mental health professionals, and other concerned individuals. Hundreds of participants are expected from the Minnesota, Wisconsin, the Dakotas, Iowa, Illinois, Manitoba, and western Ontario.

A major speaker will be Harry Britt, gay city supervisor from San Francisco.

Workshops will be offered to conference attendees, covering such topics as: aging, AIDS, coupling, having children, intimacy, legal issues, medical/mental health issues, relationships, social life, spirituality, and uncoupling.

Workshops for health professionals will deal with: burn-out and the lesbian/gay therapist, issues for lesbian/gay mental health professionals, maintaining therapist health, and new information/strategies for working with lesbian/gay clients.

Receptions will also allow attendees to socialize. Details on cost and hotel accommodations will be available later this summer. Registration will begin the first week in September. For further information, contact: Patrick Clayton or Patricia Baldwin at (612) 827-5614.

Concord

The Diablo Valley Community Center, 1818 Colfax Avenue in Concord, is currently featuring a photography exhibit.

The exhibit focuses on the work of Albert C. Koetsier, a Dutch born photographer, who has been in the United States for the past seven years. This is his second local show, and it will continue through August 15.

Mr. Koetsier's perception of

his world through the camera lens is both powerful and humorous. Combining simplicity in linear forms, he adds depth and visual excitement to his work. There are over twenty-five black-and-white photos to view Monday through Friday 10-5. The exhibit is free and coffee is available.

In addition, a men's Rap Support Group is scheduled each Friday night, and a women's rap is also scheduled monthly. For more information, call (415) 674-0171 or (415) 827-2960.

San Diego

By Mark Prost

In San Diego, the Shanti Support Group, run by Mr. Hal Frank, provides personal, emotional, medical, and financial help for persons who ask for it. Originally founded as a support group for persons suffering from any calamitous medical problem, the Group found itself called to minister to male AIDS patients as the epidemic multiplied. Since this recent focusing of their attention, the Group has had to refer women who need assistance to the Women's Support Group.

There is tremendous community awareness apparent in San Diego, and support of AIDS patients and medical research takes many forms. In June, 500 persons marched outside the Union-Tribune building in Mission Valley, following the publication of an editorial by Patrick Buchanan in that paper which maintained that homosexuals were "paying the price" for waging war on nature by their perverse sexual activities. After the organized demonstration, fifty people remained for an all-night vigil to show their solidarity with similar demonstrations across the country on that day. Practically every gay-oriented organization, from the Fly By Nighters Bowling League to the Imperial Court de San Diego, has held fund raisers and consciousness raisers, to add to the national clamor for more.

Calling the following numbers in San Diego (area code 619) will put you in contact with the various aid organizations established in the city. SHANTI SUPPORT GROUP: 292-8355; AIDS HOT LINE: 260-1304; OWENS CLINIC: 294-3995; WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP: 560-5178.

Lake County

By Bill Mooney

FLASH! FLASH! Mark your calendars for the HEAT OF SUMMER which is set for August 12-14. It is going to be the HOTTEST time of your life! LAKE COUNTY is going to have the HOTTEST MEN around that you can find. POTLUCK at the CABARET. There are many places to cool off--the water at the lake is very refreshing if you are into the water sports! SUNSET POINT RESORT has their BEER BUST every Wednesday night from 8 to 2. COLD MUGS for only 50 cents, with hamburgers and hot dogs for the munchies. If you can handle the HEAT OF SUMMER in the BUNK HOUSE, you will never forget it. BUNK HOUSE rates are very reasonable. Mt. View Market has DAVID NELSON behind the DELI case making the sandwich of the year. The new BBQ Beef is a hot meal that David is making himself and it's GOOD. 20 OAKS RESORT has camp sites from \$5 per night where

you can sleep out under the stars. There is a beach and pier close by. Call (707) 998-1320 and Danny will make you feel at home. THE CABARET has CHEAP THRILLS on Tuesday night with Al tending the bar--well drinks are \$1 and BEER 75 cents. For a good time during the week, THE CABARET is the place to be. Make your plans early and give them a call, SUNSET POINT (707) 998-9933, STARLITE RESORT (707) 998-3232, CABARET (707) 998-1169.

Modesto

The Owl Empire of Stanislaus County is a non-profit service organization which provides a program of services to deal with the health and welfare needs of the people of the Owl Empire.

On Saturday, August 6, Dowager Empress VIII, Jaime, and her Prince Consort for Life, Mr. Bill, are going to Modesto Reservoir and are planning to spend two days on Diamond Point. Fun-loving people are invited to join them. Bring

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August 28 has been set for the Stanislaus Owl Empire annual picnic in Del Puerto Canyon.

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Stanislaus Gay Alliance (SGA), a support group for gays and friends of gays, provides activities and services for men and women in the Modesto area. SGA is looking forward to holding its 3rd annual Spaghetti Mama's dinner in August. Volunteers in all areas of preparation, cooking, and service are needed. And so are donations of fresh vegetables, pasta, spices, and bread. Volunteers are needed for food preparation, cooking, buffet serving, busing tables, and general clean-up. The past two Spaghetti Mama's have been totally self-sufficient thanks to the generosity of those involved, and this year's event promises to be just as successful. For more info, please contact Lorraine at (209) 526-0413 or write PO Box 5163, Modesto, CA 95352.

New York

The Governor of New York, Mario Cuomo, recently announced that he will sign an executive order prohibiting discrimination against homosexuals working for the state. The announcement came only a few weeks after the state legislature rejected a comprehensive gay-rights bill. Cuomo said he would issue the order in a few weeks to continue to show his special concern for lesbians and gay men. New York will become the third state to provide fair treatment within its government agencies. Pennsylvania Governor, Milton Shapp, was the first; a few years later, California Governor, Jerry Brown, also issued such an order. Ohio Governor, Mr. Celeste, has

also promised to move expeditiously on gay rights and is expected to issue such an order sometime this year.

Los Angeles

Gay Fathers of Los Angeles is a support group for gay men who are also fathers, a closely knit network of men who have natural or adopted children. Men who want to learn how best to relate to friends and their youngsters are welcomed.

The common interest in children brings the group together and increases the ability of the participants to handle the many experiences of rearing children in today's world.

Gay Fathers of Los Angeles is affiliated with the nationwide Gay Fathers Coalition based in Washington, D.C. The chapter is four years old and growing and meets at the Gay and Lesbian Social Services Center in Hollywood at 1213 North Highland Avenue, (213) 464-7400 Ext. 257.

There is a well-rounded program of educational and recreational activities that focuses on learning, sharing, caring. Weekly meetings bring professional speakers to address a variety of concerns from adopting to adapting. Frequent outings with

children include camping excursions, pot-luck dinners, and special holiday celebrations.

"Sharing the Magic" was the theme song and theme of the Gay Pride Celebration in Los Angeles. It was one of the largest parades in Southern California with over 90,000 spectators, 150 units, around 10,000 participants, twenty floats, and ten decorated flatbed trucks. Joel Wachs, President of the Los Angeles City Council and the co-author of the Los Angeles City Gay Rights Ordinance, was the Grand Marshal of the parade. There were all kinds of units in the parade including the sports clubs, the Ski Club, The Whom Club, representatives from bowling, tennis, and softball teams. The Great Outdoors Club, and the L.A. Gay Men's Chorus joined by the Great American Yankee Freedom Singers and the Men's Chorus of Orange County also participated. The Gay Fathers Group was present, and the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center had a large, well-decorated float. Our religious groups were out showing their pride: Integrity of Los Angeles, Dignity, and the MCC groups from all over Los Angeles. There were many professional groups: lawyers, physicians, teachers, and others all showing their pride. Many, many, many beautiful bars were represented.

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Views from River City

(Editor's Note: In last month's edition, we inadvertently referred to the WRECK ROOM Baseball Team as the Sacramento Baseball Team. We apologize for the error.)

If July be the music of summer love, play on. It was one helluva month. The gay community of Sacramento is to be congratulated even if we do say so ourselves. We did a great job playing host for our third annual softball tournament. It was highly successful. However, we didn't come off as one of the victors this time. Nevertheless, it was successful. The WRECK ROOM, along with the rest of Sacramento ball players, came off as champs in my book...My special hats-off award for July goes to the coordinators of the Mr., Ms., & Miss Gay Cowboy and/or Cowgirl contest. Anna & Lakish have done one bang-up job coordinating and we have all been recipients of it. I have never seen so many benefits: quiche superb, oriental cook-out, spaghetti feeds, auctions, taco twirls, hamburger supremes, flea markets, tank-dunking, celebrity-look-alike contests--you name it, they had it all. Good luck to all of you in Reno...Surely by now absolutely everyone who's anyone has heard the news that The POWER PLANT is Sacto's very first gay bar to feature laser lighting. What? You hadn't heard? Tsk Tsk. Best you rush right over and see for yourself...MOM GUESS WHAT, congratulations to you on your in-depth article "Extending A Helping Hand" in your July issue. It was very well written, uplifting, & enlightening...What's coming up for our enjoyment and/or pleasure this month? Starting off, Marci & Chuck are sponsoring a fundraiser. A special showing of "Enclave," a comedy/drama about coming out of the closet. It's about acceptance or non-acceptance, it's about confirming and conforming, it's a good play. The special showing will be Sunday, Aug. 14 starting with a no-host bar at 6:30 PM, the play starting at 7:30 PM. Tickets are six bucks and available from Marci, Ernie, Chuck, Opal, and the KS/Foundation. Remember, most of the proceeds goes to the AIDS/KS Foundation. This is going to be a beautiful evening. I wouldn't miss it for anything in the world...FLASH FLASH FLASH! Hold on to your hats, this is a big one. Aug 28, this year of our Lord, Ernie Brown & Bobette (or, Bobette & Ernie Brown) are throwing a sixtieth birthday party for Aunt Rose at the MERCANTILE SALOON starting at 2 AM. This is going to be the party of the year. So you better come out and be a part of it. It's going to be an historical event...All you video buffs, here is something you should take advantage of. FFD (Films For Days), located at 2026 'K' St., is offering a 25% discount on all new memberships during the month of August. Sounds like a deal to me. If you are not interested in a membership, you should stop by and take a look at the inventory of films which includes the latest in everything including erotica...You want to get a glimpse of what a New-York-type bar looks like? Well, you can. Mr. Terry Sidee has opened a liquor lounge in back of BOJANGLES, called SCANDALS. I've been out there and I am from the east coast and I know what an east-coast bar looks like. This is one. Check it out. Pouring your favorite spirits from behind the bar will be Jim, Russell, Larry, and our own bartender about town, Aunt Rose. Opens every day at three. Special well drinks three till ten PM, 85 cents. BOJANGLES is having special shows every Sunday night...The K-STREET is now serving a Wednesday night special for only \$2.50. By the time you read this, they should be serving dinners every night. The BWY/LTD is still serving special dinners on Tuesday nights. On Wednesday night they have a live band for your listening & dancing pleasure...ANNA MARIE'S is still packing them in over the weekends...There are some events coming up at the FORUM for August, check with the bar for time and dates...The STUMBLE INN is still enjoying their success with live music on the weekend. They have new bar hours now. They are now opening from 2 PM til 2 AM...The DIAMOND BUTTERFLY is having a Leo party this month. Check with the bar for day & time...Don't forget the monthly bingo party every first Monday in the month at the MERCANTILE SALOON starting at 8 PM...For all of you who are going up to Reno for the rodeo, please be careful, keep your senses about you, know where you are, know who you are, and know when to keep your mouths shut. Remember what happened a few years ago with some of our loud-mouth drunks who would have been all right if they had known when to keep quiet. Enjoy yourselves. That's the whole idea....Congratulations to Kish & Anna on becoming grandparents. Yes, their two dogs had a rendezvous and three pups were the result. Thanks for the cigar... Marci (MERC), looks like divorce court again, huh???...Empress Billy, you were a little loud the other night. Talking about the mouth the roared...Lakish (MERC), upright is a nice walking position. Dwaine (ROSE), remember, happiness can sneak in through a door you didn't know you left open. Think about it...Bill J., never start a conversation with a stranger by saying, "Hey, you remind me of my seventh lover." It's not the smartest of moves...Bob D., if your great Aunt Matilda asks if you had a gay time on your vacation, remember that the word still does have other meanings, so do not give her cardiac arrest by telling her your version.

More Ernie Brown on pg. 15.

Man-Two-Man

The success of Man Two Man in providing an additional way for men to meet and socialize is continuing through the summer months. The organization was established two years ago to provide an alternative to the 8 B's: baths, bars, bookstores, beaches, bushes, booklets, bathrooms, and buddies. During its existence, Man Two Man has offered an opportunity for literally hundreds of men to meet and form friendships through its Wednesday evening social program.

In addition to the weekly social program, groups have formed to organize specific interest events. Recently, several men went on a weekend camping trip near the ocean. All agreed it was highly successful and plans are being formulated for future camping trips. Also, a number of men get together regularly to play cards in the homes of different participants.

Men who have not attended group functions previously but who want to socialize with men in order to form same-gender friendships are especially encouraged to attend. Every effort is made to make new participants feel comfortable. A \$2 donation is requested from each participant to help pay for basic operating expenses.

The calendar for August and September Wednesday evening programs is shown below. For additional information, telephone (916) 391-9755.

AUGUST

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| 3 | Social: Discussion - Health |
| 10 | Social: Discussion - What is on your mind? |
| 17 | Social: Potluck Dinner |
| 24 | Social: Silver Lion Presents |
| 31 | Social: Open night |

Woman-Two-Woman

Women who want an additional way to meet and socialize now have Woman Two Woman available to them. The group was established in March 1983.

Woman Two Woman meets every Monday at 7:30 PM. A \$2 donation is requested to help offset operating expenses.

The schedule of August meetings is shown below. For additional information, call Karen at (916) 427-2497 or Betty at (916) 441-1330.

AUGUST

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| 1 | Discussion: Women in Art |
| 8 | Potluck |
| 15 | Open Rap |
| 22 | Discussion: First Impressions |
| 29 | Games night: Bring your favorite game |

Also, there is a campout planned the weekend of August 26-28.

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Carhops in bondage!



By Kris

You should be slapped if you don't go see Carhops in Bondage. What a night of entertainment and right here in River City! For those who plan to drive to San Francisco to see Beach Blanket Babylon, park your cars. A play of equal calibre is playing at the La Semilla Center.

The music is crisp, funny, and if you're sitting anywhere in the room with Mr. Music, the piano player, you can't help but catch his enthusiasm.

The carhops play their parts to the hilt, all showing their

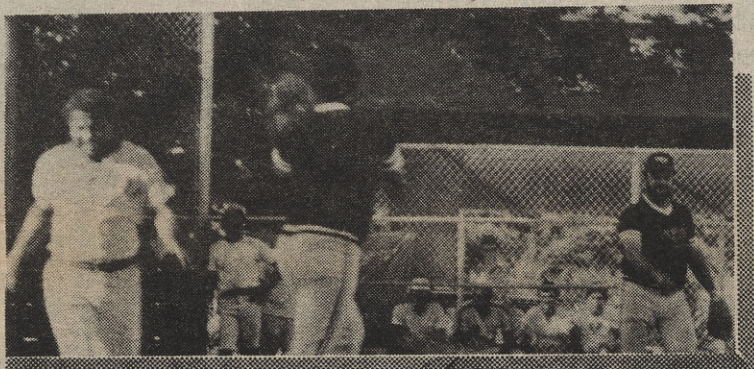
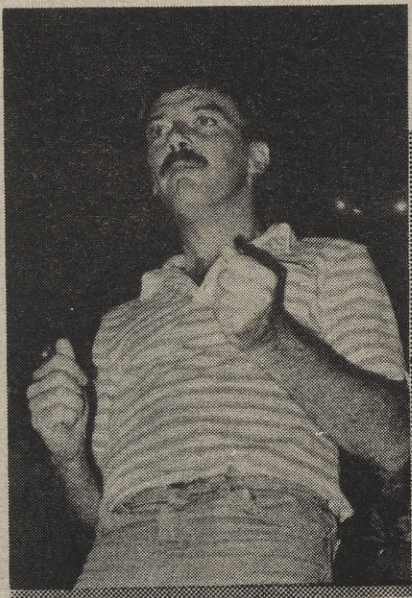
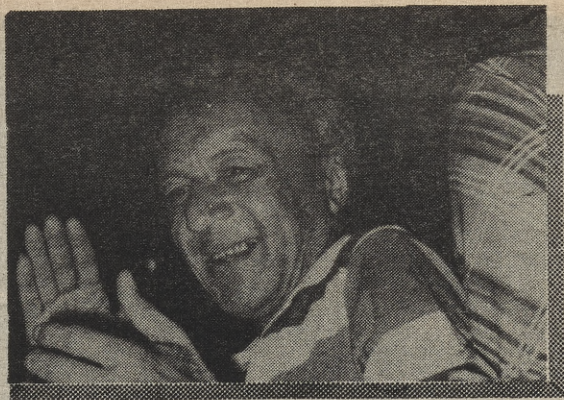
expertise in their scripted personalities. The Queen of Outer Space's high notes will send you soaring, and Binky deserves to be green. As the writer of this production, he should be green with pleasure at creating such hilarity.

Produced and directed by Dexter Smith, the play runs smoothly and is worth a second viewing if just to see the animation of the androids or the wag of Binky's tongue. Playing indefinitely through the summer at La Semilla Cultural Center, 312 20th Street, it will bite you if you let it.

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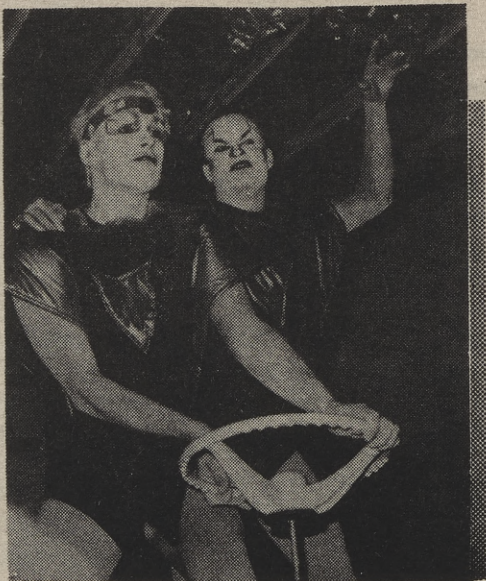
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By Ed E. Kett

Dear Mr. Kett,

I work in a gay bar and always greet my friends and good customers with a kiss, the better the friend, the deeper and longer the kiss. Recently, I've noticed that when I attempt to kiss someone, he or she will quickly turn his or her head so that I wind up kissing his or her cheek. What have I done? Is it my breath? Should I be offended?

Ever,
Lester

Dearest Lester,

Where have you been? Your customers are obviously taking precautions to avoid contracting AIDS. It's ridiculous for you to be offended. And until more is known about AIDS, it would be wise if you avoided such hot and heavy greetings, even with your biggest tippers.

Sincerely,
Edwards Endicott Kett

Dear Mr. Kett,

My lover of four years died of AIDS about nine months ago. Now my friends are pushing me to start living my life again and to

start going out socially, at least from time to time. My question is: When I'm introduced to new people, should I tell them right off the bat that my lover died of AIDS?

Maybe they'll think I'm contagious or something. I've heard of this happening before, and it's

such a blow to one's self-esteem to find that someone you're getting interested in suddenly wants no part of you. My self-esteem just couldn't take it right now; so how do I handle this situation?

Yours,
Clarence

Dearest Clarence,

It isn't necessary to greet everyone you meet with: "Nice to meet you. My lover died of AIDS!" If, however, you do meet someone you're attracted to, you should mention the fact before things get too carried away so that if the person is paranoid about contracting AIDS from you, you will have at least given him time to make a clean getaway that is honorable to him and face saving to you.

Sincerely,
Edwards E. Kett

Euphemia Euris

Dear Euphemia,

My problem may sound silly to you, but it's not to me. I'm a middle-aged gay man with what I hope is a relaxed attitude toward life. My work puts me in contact with mostly straights with whom I get along ok even though I do try to remain aloof and to keep my distance socially, preferring to socialize only with gay people away from work.

I have a thick, wavy, white beard and it's my one vanity. It's the one thing that keeps me from looking just like every other well-dressed-but-fading middle-aged man, gives me individuality.

The women where I work seem to think it's amusing or sexy or something to run their fingers through my beard. They're always doing it and it gives me the creeps. I wish they wouldn't paw me; I certainly don't take such liberties with them. On the other hand, I believe in being polite and gentlemanly with women so I never say anything. In fact, I don't know what to say to get them to cut it out without hurting their feelings. What do you suggest?

Respectfully yours,

Lawrence Rogers
ATLANTA, GA

Larry Dear,

One must pay some price for his individuality. These are the 80's. More and more people are freer to touch, both non-violently and violently, but, that doesn't grant them license.

If I were you, frankly, I'd be plucked! You see, Lawrence, being a gentlemen is one thing, but being a play-toy on display is quite another. If asking the women to stop doesn't succeed, get a little spray-bottle containing an odiferous, harmless substance and spray their itchy little fingers.

Or, my dear, you could simply forget you're a gentleman the next time a co-worker drags her claws through your beard; you simply grab that person in an area of the body of which she is most proud. You may be mortally wounded, but you'll probably remain untouched, and outcast, for quite some time.

Brutally yours,

E.E.

Dear Euphemia,

My grandson, Jimmy, recently confided in me that he is a queer. He's 20 and I love him just exactly like he is and I say the same about all my grandchildren, even the boy who is in jail.

Jimmy would like to be closer to his folks. But they are converted fundamentalist Christians and if there's one thing they hate only a little bit less than the Devil himself it's queers although I expect they wouldn't know one if they saw one, either the Devil or a queer. His mother, my daughter,

was not raised like that because I never had much use for extremism. Live and let live I've always said and I tried to put that idea in my kids' heads but I guess I failed.

If Jimmy's parents were to find out that he's a queer, well I'm afraid there just might be a peck of trouble because my son-in-law has a real temper (he's the sheriff) and my daughter is going through the change.

I really want to help even though I'm 60 and people tell me that I should mind my own business more. We live near Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where I'm now retired from farming and living alone since my wife died last year. Jimmy showed me your column in PATLAR GAZETTE which apparently is well known around here which surprises me because I never knew there were lots of queers in Cedar Rapids. How do you advise me?

Your most obedient servant,

L. D. (Gramps) Overton
CEDAR RAPIDS

Dear Gramps,

First, flush the term "queer" from the gutters of your soul. I don't care if you're from Cedar Rapids or Miami Beach, That term reeks of "red-neck-icity." If you must apply a label to a man who engages in passionate repose with other men, he is a gay man. A woman of similar preference is a lesbian.

Second, if you can find a way to deal with any fundamentalist Christian parents of gay/lesbian children, you'll unlock the key to a door that could end many tragedies. We all have a chance on Judgement Day no matter what sins we have committed. The F.C. groups feel they can make it hell on earth for anyone they abhor. (I'm stopping here because I tend to rant and rave about people who use religion to destroy others.)

Third, Jimmy obviously has had a friend in you during his coming-out, or life-style adjustment. He trusts you implicitly. What can you do? Continue to give him all the love and encouragement you gave him when he was pre-gay Jimmy. His coming-out should be laced with rational decisions and judgments that he has made. You may be asked for input. Give it, but let Jimmy make his own choices.

Yours,

E.E.

Dear Euphemia Euris,

My lover has AIDS. What now?

John Q. Citizen
AUSTIN

Dear J.Q.C.,

At this point, you discover what the word "lover" means. If you've truly become someone's lover, you'll do all in your power to support him.

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AIDS Updates

WASHINGTON, DC--Representative Mario Biaggi (D-NY) recently introduced two bills which call for \$60 million in federal AIDS research for fiscal year 1984.

H.R. 3247 calls for \$20 million for AIDS research by the Centers for Disease Control while H.R. 3248 calls for \$40 million for AIDS research by the National Institutes of Health.

"As individual appropriations bills, Biaggi's bills cannot pass, but they are very important for communicating the need for increased funding for AIDS research," said Steve Endean, Executive Director of Gay Rights National Lobby. GRNL's AIDS Project will work actively to gain congressional support for the Biaggi Bills.

The Reagan Administration currently estimates it will spend \$13 million on AIDS research in fiscal year 1983. Congress has passed an additional \$12 million AIDS research appropriation, but President Reagan has threatened to veto this measure.

Biaggi's bills would more than double federal research expenditures on AIDS.

In Denver, the Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL) recently asked a U.S. Conference of Mayors to continue and intensify the Conference's lobbying of Congress for increased AIDS research funding.

Jerry Weller, GRNL's board of directors' co-chair, thanked the mayors for their forthright and continuous commitment to fighting the most complex epidemic this country has ever faced and then went on to urge the mayors to act immediately to inform Congress and the President about impending AIDS-related bills. "President Reagan...must be told that AIDS is not an esoteric budget item for America's cities," said Weller in his remarks to the Mayors Conference AIDS Task Force. "It is a mass killer. One that cannot be stopped without a massive federal research commitment."

The Rev. Jerry Falwell, leader of the Moral Majority, recently pronounced that the government must control gay people in order to check the fatal disease AIDS. Falwell told a news conference in

Cincinnati that while he does not hate gay persons he does hate their perverted life style. He called for a requirement that potential blood donors complete questionnaires about their health and sexual orientation. Also, Falwell said that he believes that the government should close gay bathhouses.

The latest information on AIDS will be provided by the government through a newly established toll-free hot line and two new publications.

The number of the hotline is (800) 342-AIDS and it will operate 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM EDT daily. Calls will be answered by Public Health Service employees.

A leaflet called FACTS ON AIDS may be obtained without charge. To obtain a copy, write: Public Health Service, Office of Public Affairs, Room 721H, 200 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20201.

Another publication called AIDS INFORMATION BULLETIN will be issued the first and third Mondays of each month to health professionals and groups interested in AIDS research. The bulletin will contain information on government projects concerning the cause and treatment of AIDS.

A recently completed Gallup study reveals that a majority of Americans fear that AIDS will reach greater epidemic proportions and do not believe a cure will be found anytime soon.

The study indicates that repeated assurances by health authorities that there is little or no risk of becoming an AIDS victim but has had little or no effect for the vast majority of Americans.

A non-commercial public radio station serving the greater San Francisco Bay Area, KUSF-FM, has cancelled all regular programming on its public affairs forum and will focus on issues related to AIDS.

Health professionals, AIDS patients, counselors, print and broadcast journalists, community leaders, legal professionals, and others concerned with this important issue will be involved.

Any person interested in participating as a guest on this new series is encouraged to contact KUSF as soon as possible.

his and your vitamin C dosage. Experiment with chicken soup recipes that include lots of garlic, lemon, and brown rice.

Research the functioning of the immune system and eat for it. There are no answers to any of the AIDS questions. Certainly good nutrition can't hurt.

But, no matter what course you take, stand by your man; that TLC will be the biggest help of all.

Yours truly,
E.E.

Poets' Corner

--Dave Bettini--

A TENDER NIGHT'S DREAM

I met a young man the other night.
His grace and eloquence thwarted
my usual introverted feelings.
He was shy, and pleasing, a
moonlit delight.
But I spoke not a word; only
thoughts would beacon for
escape.
My warm summer thoughts, not
deceiving
As I cuddled tightly on my pillow
that night,
Vibrations sang me to sweet
sleep.
Nestled among my inner energies
was the tender dream of last-
ing friendship.
Of love, of warm soft bodies lying
naked as the sky,
Embraced, shuddering, thrusting,
pumping fluids of love,
Fluids of exciting complements.
Fluids sent spattering upon the
groin and chest of the
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--Elmtree--

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More Euphemia

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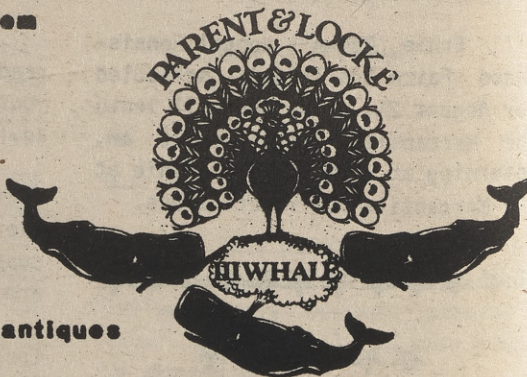
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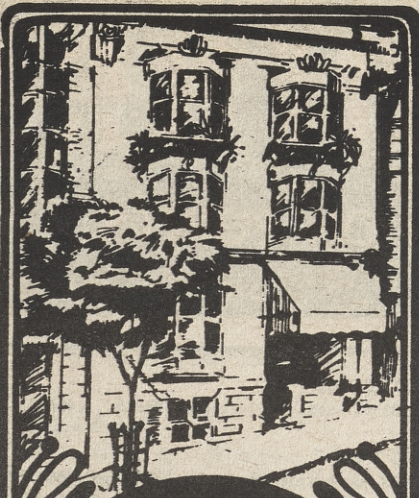
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